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Main Entry: **bat·ting**

Pronunciation: 'ba-ti [ng]

Function: *noun*

Date: 1773

**1 a** : the action of one who bats **b** : the use of or  
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**2** : layers or sheets of raw cotton or wool or of  
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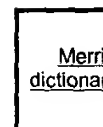
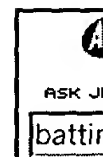
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Main Entry: **<sup>1</sup>fleece**

Pronunciation: 'flEəs

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English *flees*, from Old English *flEos*; akin to Middle High German *vlius* fleece and perhaps to Latin *pluma* feather, down

Date: before 12th century

**1 a** : the coat of wool covering a wool-bearing animal (as a sheep) **b** : the wool obtained from a sheep at one shearing

**2 a** : any of various soft or woolly coverings **b** : a soft bulky deep-piled knitted or woven fabric used chiefly for clothing

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